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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of the amendment and the remarks set forth below. It is believed that the Amendment places the case in condition for allowance and that no new matter has been added.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I with traverse and requests reconsideration.

The restriction is premised upon incorrect claim interpretation: an external residential expense and a non-mortgage residential expense are not necessarily mutually exclusive, e.g., property insurance, property tax, etc. Therefore, there is some overlap in scope. Further, new claims 55-56 are linking claims and cover the combination.

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

S I R :

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is the  
following:

1. Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement.

**APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS.** The Commissioner is hereby  
authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any  
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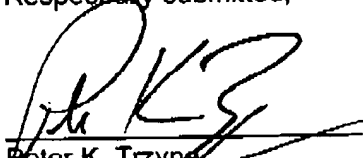
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